

# Bicycling in MICHIGAN



Population: 9,897,264

Total annual economic impact of bicycling  
**\$668 million**



Bicycling retail revenue

**\$63 million**

Total annual spending associated with  
bicycling events and vacations in Michigan

**\$38 million**

People employed by bicycling industry: 796



**44%**

Residents who place an annual  
value of at least \$100 on the ability  
to use bicycle infrastructure

**39%**

Households that reported that  
someone in their home used a bike  
for transportation in the last year

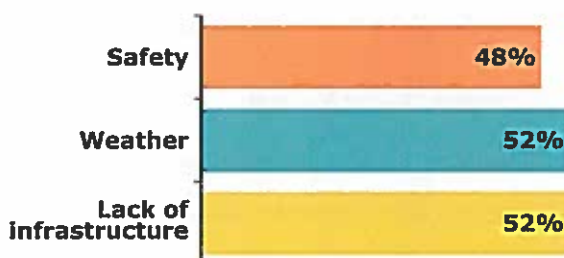
**28%**

Bicyclists who commute by  
bicycle at least twice a week

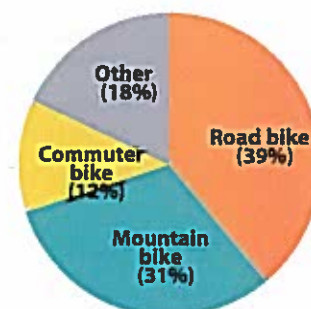
**4%**

Residents who participated in  
a bicycling event or bicycle-  
oriented vacation in Michigan  
in the past year

Key barriers to bicycling



Top primary bicycle types



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- Percent of bicyclists who commute by bicycle at least twice a week;
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- Households that reported that someone in their home used a bicycle for transportation in the last year – from the *Attitudes & Perceptions of Transportation in Michigan: A 2013 Survey of Michigan Adults* ([http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/MDOT\\_2013\\_AP\\_SurveyReport\\_439065\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/MDOT_2013_AP_SurveyReport_439065_7.pdf)).
- Bicycling retail revenue – based on the three-year average annual revenue of bicycle retailers in Michigan reported in Dun & Bradstreet;
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- Total annual impact of bicycling – calculated from the following components:
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  - The total household spending on bicycle events and vacations as reported by Michigan residents in the household survey (\$38 million);
  - The average three-year annual revenues of bicycle-related manufactures in Michigan as reported in Dun & Bradstreet (\$11 million);
  - The avoided health care costs due to physical activity from bicycling based on (\$256 million):
    - The statewide rates of hospitalization for stroke and heart disease from the United States Centers for Disease Control;
    - The proportion of heart disease and stroke due to physical inactivity from the World Health Organization;
    - The proportion of residents who are physical active using their bicycle from the household survey; and
    - The average cost of hospitalization for stroke and heart disease from the Michigan Department of Community Health.
  - The avoided costs of absenteeism for Michigan employees due to bicycling based on (\$187 million):
    - The proportion of residents who are physical active using their bicycle from the household survey;
    - The cost of absenteeism per day from the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine;<sup>1</sup> and
    - The number of days per year of avoided absenteeism due to cycling from the London School of Economics.<sup>2</sup>

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# Bicycling in HOLLAND

Population: 33,307

Miles of existing infrastructure: 17



*"[People] move here because of the sidepaths, and ... buy bikes so they can get to Evergreen Commons, to the library, to the beach, get exercise, to have fun."* - Laura Harris, Cross County Cycle



Bicycling retail revenue

**\$1.9 million**

**45%**

Residents who place an annual value of at least \$100 on the ability to use bicycle infrastructure

Total annual spending associated with bicycling events and vacations in Michigan

**\$557,000**

**44%**

Bicyclists who bike at least twice a week

People employed by bicycling industry: 29



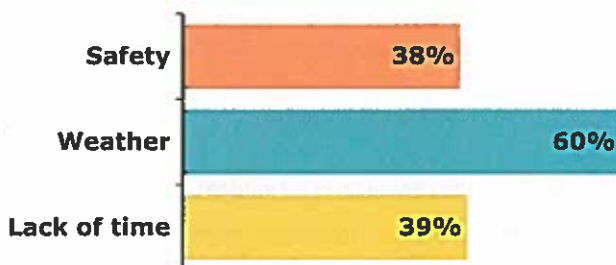
**31%**

Bicyclists who commute by bicycle at least twice a week

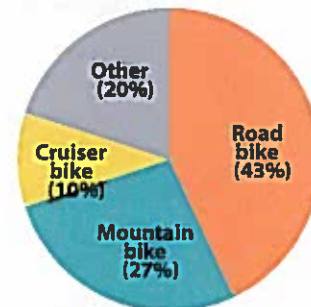
**10%**

Residents who participated in a bicycling event or bicycle-oriented vacation in Michigan in the past year

## Key barriers to bicycling



## Top primary bicycle types



Total annual economic impact of bicycling **\$6.4 million**

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- Key barriers to bicycling;
- Percent of residents who place an annual value of at least \$100 on the ability to use bicycle infrastructure;
- Percent of bicyclists who bike at least twice a week;
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  - The avoided health care costs due to physical activity from bicycling based on (\$2.5 million):
    - The statewide rates of hospitalization for stroke and heart disease from the United States Centers for Disease Control;
    - The proportion of heart disease and stroke due to physical inactivity from the World Health Organization;
    - The proportion of residents who are physical active using their bicycle from the household survey; and
    - The average cost of hospitalization for stroke and heart disease from the Michigan Department of Community Health.
  - The avoided costs of absenteeism for Holland employees due to bicycling based on (\$1.8 million):
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# Bicycling in ANN ARBOR



Population: 114,725

Miles of existing infrastructure: 71

*"People live in a place like Ann Arbor because it's bike-friendly."* - Erica Briggs-Whitacre,  
Washtenaw Biking and Walking Coalition



Bicycling retail revenue

**\$3.0 million**

**50%**

Residents who place an annual value of at least \$100 on the ability to use bicycle infrastructure

Total annual spending associated with bicycling events and vacations in Michigan

**\$3.4 million**

**42%**

Bicyclists who bike at least twice a week

People employed by bicycling industry: 39



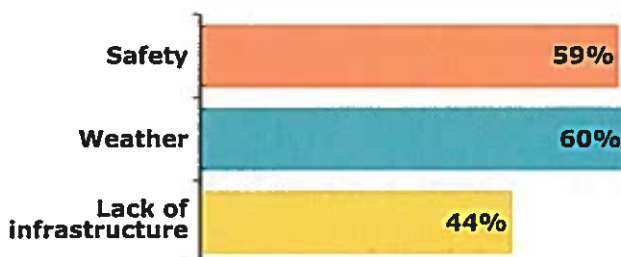
**25%**

Bicyclists who commute by bicycle at least twice a week

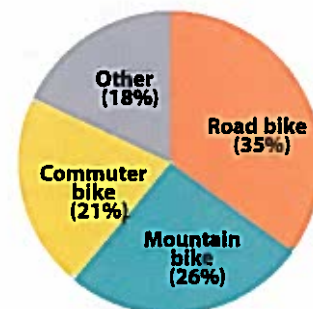
**12%**

Residents who participated in a bicycling event or bicycle-oriented vacation in Michigan in the past year

Key barriers to bicycling



Top primary bicycle types



Total annual economic impact of bicycling

**\$25.4 million**

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  - The total household spending on bicycle events and vacations as reported by Ann Arbor residents in the household survey (\$3.4 million);
  - The average three-year annual revenues of bicycle-related manufactures in Ann Arbor as reported in Dun & Bradstreet (\$0);
  - The avoided costs due to physical activity from bicycling based on (\$7.2 million):
    - The statewide rates of hospitalization for stroke and heart disease from the United States Centers for Disease Control;
    - The proportion of heart disease and stroke due to physical inactivity from the World Health Organization;
    - The proportion of residents who are physical active using their bicycle from the household survey; and
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  - The avoided costs of absenteeism for Ann Arbor employees due to bicycling based on (\$5.7 million):
    - The proportion of residents who are physical active using their bicycle from the household survey;
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# Bicycling in GRAND RAPIDS



Population: 189,340

Miles of existing infrastructure: 42

*"Riding a bike isn't just about getting somewhere and saving gas...From a local economic perspective, there's a serious trickle-down effect."*

– Matt Ruiter, Velocity Cycles



Bicycling retail revenue

**\$1.7 million**

**39%**

Residents who place an annual value of at least \$100 on the ability to use bicycle infrastructure

Total annual spending associated with bicycling events and vacations in Michigan

**\$4.3 million**

**55%**

Bicyclists who bike at least twice a week

People employed by bicycling industry: 32



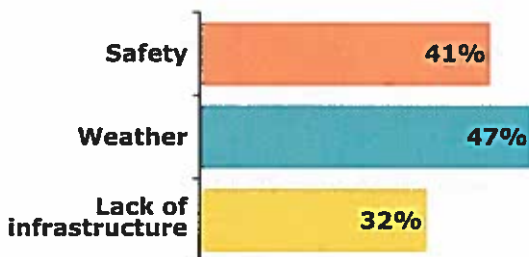
**18%**

Bicyclists who commute by bicycle at least twice a week

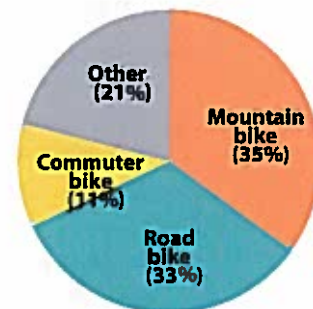
**11%**

Residents who participated in a bicycling event or bicycle-oriented vacation in Michigan in the past year

Key barriers to bicycling



Top primary bicycle types



Total annual economic impact of bicycling

**\$39.1 million**

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- Bicycling retail revenue – based on the three-year average annual revenue of bicycle retailers in the City of Grand Rapids reported in Dun & Bradstreet;
- People employed by bicycling industry – based on the three year annual employment averages for retail bicycle shops and bicycle manufactures located in Grand Rapids as reported in Dun & Bradstreet;
- Total annual impact of bicycling – calculated from the following components:
  - Total household retail spending on bicycling reported by Grand Rapids residents in the household survey (\$8.3 million);
  - The total household spending on bicycle events and vacations as reported by Grand Rapids residents in the household survey (\$4.3 million);
  - The average three-year annual revenues of bicycle-related manufactures in Grand Rapids as reported in Dun & Bradstreet (\$2.6 million);
  - The avoided health care costs due to physical activity from bicycling based on (\$13.5 million):
    - The statewide rates of hospitalization for stroke and heart disease from the United States Centers for Disease Control;
    - The proportion of heart disease and stroke due to physical inactivity from the World Health Organization;
    - The proportion of residents who are physical active using their bicycle from the household survey; and
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  - The avoided costs of absenteeism for Grand Rapids employees due to bicycling based on (\$10.3 million):
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# Bicycling in Two DETROIT Neighborhoods

(Southwest Detroit and Conner Creek Greenway Corridors)



**Population: 162,998**

*"Bikes give people an option to get to work and get around."*

- Heather Nugen, Back Alley Bikes and the Hub of Detroit

*"If we can bring people back here, that's important. Putting people on bikes is a way to do that. They see the architecture, the history, and the potential we have. And they want to come back."* - Kelli Kavanaugh, Wheelhouse Detroit

**Bicycling manufacturing revenue**

**\$5.2 million**

**Total annual spending associated with bicycling events and vacations in Michigan**

**\$1.6 million**

**People employed by bicycling industry: 59**



**48%**

Residents who place an annual value of at least \$100 on the ability to use bicycle infrastructure

**67%**

Bicyclists who bike at least twice a week

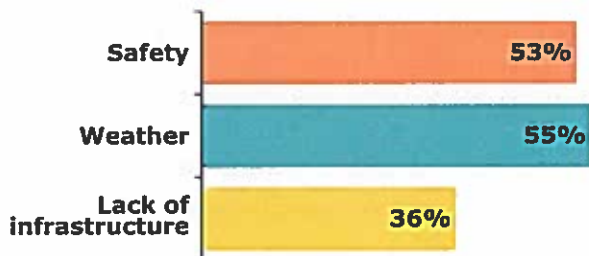
**28%**

Bicyclists who commute by bicycle at least twice a week

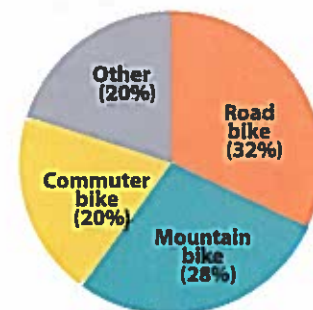
**4%**

Residents who participated in a bicycling event or bicycle-oriented vacation in Michigan in the past year

## Key barriers to bicycling



## Top primary bicycle types



**Total annual economic impact of bicycling** **\$20.7 million**

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- Percent of residents who place an annual value of at least \$100 on the ability to use bicycle infrastructure;
- Percent of bicyclists who bike at least twice a week;
- Percent of bicyclists who commute by bicycle at least twice a week;
- Percent of residents who participated in a bicycling event in Michigan in the past year; and
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- Total annual impact of bicycling – calculated from the following components:
  - Total household retail spending on bicycling reported by residents of the two Detroit neighborhoods in the household survey (\$3.5 million);
  - The total household spending on bicycle events and vacations as reported by residents of the two Detroit neighborhoods in the household survey (\$1.6 million);
  - The average three-year annual revenues of bicycle-related manufactures in the two Detroit neighborhoods as reported in Dun & Bradstreet (\$5.2 million);
  - The avoided health care costs due to physical activity from bicycling based on (\$6.5 million):
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  - The avoided costs of absenteeism for employees in the two Detroit neighborhoods due to bicycling based on (\$3.9 million):
    - The proportion of residents who are physical active using their bicycle from the household survey;
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<sup>1</sup> Southwest Detroit is defined as ZIP codes 48201, 48208, 48209 and 48216. The Conner Creek Greenway Corridor is defined as ZIP codes 48213, 48214, 48215 and 48234. This study combines the two neighborhoods into one case study community.

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# Bicycling in TRAVERSE CITY



Population: 14,702

*"Bicycling is becoming more of a transportation option for more and more people in Traverse City."* - Matt McCauley, Northwest Michigan Council of Governments



Bicycling retail revenue

**\$3.3 million**

**53%**

Residents who place an annual value of at least \$100 on the ability to use bicycle infrastructure

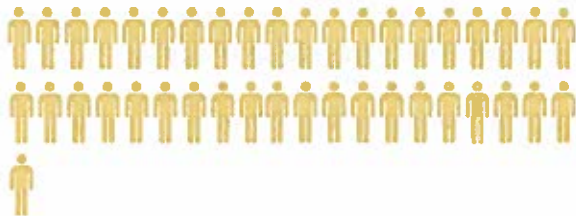
Total annual spending associated with bicycling events and vacations in Michigan

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**55%**

Bicyclists who bike at least twice a week

People employed by bicycling industry: 41



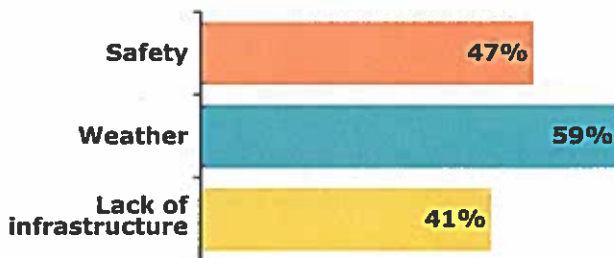
**26%**

Bicyclists who commute by bicycle at least twice a week

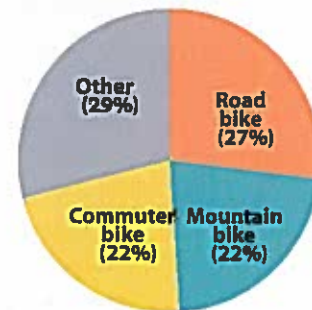
**23%**

Residents who participated in a bicycling event or bicycle-oriented vacation in Michigan in the past year

## Key barriers to bicycling



## Top primary bicycle types



Total annual economic impact of bicycling

**\$5.5 million**

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  - The average three-year annual revenues of bicycle-related manufactures in Traverse City as reported in Dun & Bradstreet (\$0);
  - The avoided health care costs due to physical activity from bicycling based on (\$1.6 million):
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    - The proportion of heart disease and stroke due to physical inactivity from the World Health Organization;
    - The proportion of residents who are physical active using their bicycle from the household survey; and
    - The average cost of hospitalization for stroke and heart disease from the Michigan Department of Community Health.
  - The avoided costs of absenteeism for Traverse City employees due to bicycling based on (\$1.3 million):
    - The proportion of residents who are physical active using their bicycle from the household survey;
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# BICYCLE TOURISM IN MICHIGAN



The total economic impact of organized bicycling events in 2014 was

**\$21.9 million**

## GENERAL FINDINGS

The average economic impact of self-supported touring bicyclists per trip:

**\$760**



**69%**



of out-of-state self-supported touring bicyclists reported using US Bicycle Routes 20 or 35

## CASE STUDY EVENTS

### Apple Cider Century

Total economic impact:

**\$1.94 million**

### DALMAC

**1 in 3**

out-of-state participants traveled from a non-neighboring state

### Iceman Cometh Challenge

participants traveled from:

**36** different states and **2** countries

### Michigander

Highest average expenditures per participant of the six case study events

**\$742**



**97%**

were non-local participants



**7,500**

participants in 2014

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This infographic provides a one-page summary of bicycling in the state of Michigan based on information gathered by BBC Research & Consulting and R. Neuner Consulting for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) as part of the second phase of a two-phase study on the economic benefits of bicycling events in Michigan. The infographic is accompanied by a report providing information on the state of Michigan and the data sources and methodology used for the study. As part of the study, the team surveyed participants in organized bicycling events throughout the state of Michigan about their spending habits. Self-supported touring bicyclists (bicyclists who do not rely on motor vehicles to carry their gear and provisions while travelling) were also asked to estimate their spending habits while in the state of Michigan. Survey respondents were asked to estimate their spending in the following categories:

- Lodging (e.g. hotels, campgrounds, cottages);
- Restaurants and bars;
- Groceries (i.e. food and beverage not at restaurants and bars);
- Non-food shopping (e.g. clothing, souvenirs, etc.);
- Non-bicycling entertainment (e.g. amusement park, movie theater, etc.);
- Bicycles, components, repairs, and accessories; and
- Transportation (e.g. airfare, gas, public transportation, car rental or parking).

Below is a description of the data sources for the "General Findings" section of the infographic:

- Total economic impact of organized bicycling events — Gathered from survey data of over 3,400 participants in organized bicycling events in Michigan;
- Economic impact of the average self-supported touring bicyclist — Gathered from survey data of over 350 self-supported touring bicyclists in the state of Michigan;
- Percentage of self-supported touring bicyclists using U.S. Bicycle Routes — Self-supported touring bicyclist survey data.

Below is a description of the data sources for the "Case Study Events" section of the infographic. All data were collected via physical and online surveys unless otherwise stated:

- Apple Cider Century — \$1.94 million dollars in total economic impact is calculated from the direct spending of out-of-state participants to the 2014 ACC;
- Michigander — \$742 is the estimated average expenditure for all 2014 Michigander participants. This average is higher than the other five case study events;
- DALMAC — An estimated 36 percent of out-of-state participants to DALMAC came from states further away than Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Indiana;
- Ore to Shore — 97 percent of participants in the 2014 Ore to Shore were non-local participants (i.e., travelled to the event from more than 50 miles away);
- Iceman Cometh — According to event registration logs, participants in the 2014 Iceman Cometh Challenge travelled to Michigan from 36 different states and two countries (Canada and Australia);
- Tour de Troit — More than 7,500 individuals participated in the 2014 Tour de Troit, according to event registration information.

For information on U.S. Bicycles Routes in Michigan go to: [www.michigan.gov/mdot-biking](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot-biking)